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REMARKS

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In mid-December 1953, the fuel dump at Orenienburg airfield was completed. Wilhelminenhof was vacated by the construction staff prior to Christmas. About 50 workers still employed at the field were engaged in cleaning work.¹ During a conference on 21 December, which was also attended by Lieutenant Colonel Romanenko (fnu), the construction of an administrative building was refused.² The construction superintendent stated that construction work at the airfield was to be completed by 15 January 1954. By that time, the quartering buildings in the Weisse Stadt restricted settlement had to be vacated by the construction workers who were previously billeted there.¹

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1. Comment. Construction work at Orenienburg airfield is completed. No indications of an occupation have been observed so far.

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2. Comment. In August or September 1953, Lieutenant Colonel Romanenko, acting as representative of the Soviet construction staff in Leipzig, accepted the runway and other installations at the field. Conferences on the construction of an administrative building reportedly took place at the end of November 1953. According to the present report, the construction was refused.

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